

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-91 (Canceled).

Claim 92. (New) A communication apparatus adapted to communicate with another communication apparatus as a communication counterpart, the communication apparatus comprising:

a first storage unit configured to store a first operation request from the other communication apparatus for requesting the communication apparatus to perform a predetermined operation and a first operation response to the first operation request;

a second storage unit configured to store a second operation request for requesting the other communication apparatus to perform a predetermined operation;

a status storage unit configured to store status information indicating which of not-processed status, presently-processing status and processed status as a current status of the first and second operation requests;

an acquisition unit configured to acquire the operation response associated with the first operation request from the first storage unit, the current status of the operation response corresponding to the processed status in the status storage unit, and to acquire the second operation request from the second storage unit, the current status of the second operation request corresponding to the not-processed status in the status storage unit; and

a transmission unit configured to transmit a communication request to the other communication apparatus, the communication request including the first operation response and the second operation request acquired by the acquisition unit.

Claim 93. (New) The communication apparatus as claimed in claim 92, further comprising:

a request processing unit configured to search the first storage unit for the first operation request, the current status of the first operation request corresponding to the not-processed status, cause a module corresponding to an operation associated with the first operation request to perform the operation associated with the first operation request and modify the current status of the first operation request to the presently-processing status.

Claim 94. (New) The communication apparatus claimed in Claim 93, wherein a plurality of the request processing units perform respective operations in multiple threads concurrently.

Claim 95 (New): The communication apparatus as claimed in claim 92, wherein:  
the first operation request and the second operation request each correspond to a function call; and

the first operation response and a second operation response to the second operation request each correspond to an execution result of a function called by the function call.

Claim 96 (New): The communication apparatus as claimed in claim 92, wherein:  
the transmission unit is configured to transmit to the communication counterpart the second operation request and the first operation response as SOAP messages, and receive from the communication counterpart the first operation request and a second operation response to the second operation request as SOAP messages.

Claim 97 (New): The communication apparatus as claimed in claim 92, further comprising:

an assigning unit configured to assign priority information to the first operation request stored in the first storage unit and the second operation request stored in the second storage unit, wherein

the acquisition unit is configured to successively read from the first storage unit the first operation request from the communication counterpart, generate a first operation response to said first operation request, and store the generated first operation response in the first storage unit according to the priority information, and

the acquisition unit is configured to successively read from the first storage unit the first operation response to the first operation request from the communication counterpart according to the priority information, and successively read from the second storage unit the second operation request to the communication counterpart according to the priority information.